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Hello Friends:

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT

Well, this week signaled the beginning of committee hearings on bills I introduced as part of my legislative package. Three of my bills were passed out of committees during the week:

Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee (4-0 vote): **AB 2085** lowers the qualifying income threshold that must be met for **California National Guard** members to receive a grant from the **Military Family Relief Fund**. This bill would change one of the eligibility requirements, requiring the member's salary to only have decreased by 10% or more from the member's civilian salary, in order to receive a grant.

Assembly Banking and Finance Committee (9-0 vote): **AB 2235** calls for inclusion of limited liability companies (LLC) under what is defined as a "person" in California real estate law. This bill would also require a limited liability company licensed under real estate law to provide specified security for claims against the limited liability company and to file specified information with the State Real Estate Commissioner demonstrating compliance with the security requirement.

Assembly Public Safety Committee (4-0 vote): **AB 2333** would make the possession of identifying information of 10 or more individuals, with the intent to defraud, an alternate misdemeanor-felony offense, punishable by imprisonment in a state prison for 16 months, 2 years, or 3 years, or by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one year, or by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or by both imprisonment and a fine.

NOW, TO THE REST OF THE WEEK IN SACRAMENTO

I started out this week by meeting with the **Central Valley Chapter of the California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF)** as part of their legislative day in Sacramento. The **CAHF** members expressed to me their views on various pieces of legislation and also voiced their concern over the constant struggle with California's nursing shortage.

If you would like to learn more about the work of the **CAHF**, please take a look at their web site

<http://www.cahf.org/>

I spent time meeting with members of the **California Rehabilitation Association (CRA)** as part of their legislative day. We discussed a number of key legislative issues and themes important to developmental disability and medical rehabilitation professionals.

To find out more about the **CRA**, please check out their web site at <http://www.calrehab.org/>

I would like to send a special thank you to the children and parents, from **Kings County**, who were in Sacramento for **National and State Agriculture Day**. They offered up their time in helping to set up a number

of the events that were part of Agriculture Day.

Kern County Supervisor, Jon McQuiston also paid me a visit this week. We had a very in depth discussion about his recent trip to Washington D.C., where he was working on military issues and we also discussed how infrastructure bonds could help support the military mission in California.

If you would like to read more about the work being done by **Supervisor McQuiston**, please visit his web site at <http://www.co.kern.ca.us/bos/dist1/>

I also met with **Joaquin Contente, President of the California Farmers Union (CFU)**, and members of the **California Dairy Campaign (CDC)** to discuss a number of agricultural and dairy issues that are affecting their industry.

For more information on the **CFU** or the **CDC**, please take a look at their web sites at <http://www.calfu.org/> and <http://www.californiadairycampaign.com/>, respectively.

Toward the end of the week, I sat down with **Kings County Supervisor Tony Oliveira** to discuss how this year's budget and legislative issues will be affecting the county. I also met with **Tulare County** representatives and promised to help them with **Senate Bill 93**, which will bring financial relief to the county.

We had very fruitful discussions and, as always, it is very beneficial when state and local government officials come together to discuss important issues affecting our constituencies.

If you would like to read more about what Supervisor Oliveira is working on, please access his web site at <http://www.countyofkings.com/BOS/dist3.htm>.

Also, to learn more about the issues being undertaken by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, please check their web site at <http://www.co.tulare.ca.us/government/default.asp>

Well, today marks the end of the week, but we end this week on a very special note. **Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger** has declared **March 31, 2006** as **Cesar Chavez Day** in **California**. I would like to take some time and acknowledge the tremendous contributions of this remarkable man.

Cesar Chavez wore many hats during his time with us, from farm worker to civil rights leader to spiritual figure. Above all, though, we remember him as the guiding light that sought to bring attention and relief to the **Latino community** by affecting change through organization and advocacy. His was a tireless voice, the echoes of which can still be heard today, as we are witness, the last few days, to people taking to the streets calling for a reasonable and just immigration policy.

No obstacle was too great or challenging for **Cesar Chavez** and his words '**Si se puede**' or '**It can be done**' still inspire people to continue the fight for economic equality and social justice.

As we celebrate **Cesar Chavez Day**, we must take time to remember and reflect on the path to progress laid by **Cesar**, but we are also reminded to always fight the good fight and to never stand idly by when injustice rears its head.

ONGOING ACTIVITY

When you have some free time, please join **Pastor Jordan, Isiah Crompton**, and other community members in their effort to get out the message about stopping violence in our communities. They walk from house to house every Saturday, knocking on doors and explaining to people the importance of keeping an eye on and working against violence in our neighborhoods. I would like to invite everyone, from individuals, to families, to groups of friends, and any concerned organizations to join us in making our streets safer for our families and our children. For more information on the **Stop the Violence** campaign, please contact **Pastor Jordan at (661) 472-2637**.

COMMUNITY GROUP HIGHLIGHT

The **California Coalition for Youth's (CCY)** mission is to be the **PLACE** that improves and empowers the lives of California's youth by:

- **Partnering** with youth
- **Linking** with youth-serving programs throughout California
- **Advocating** for youth rights
- **Connecting** youth to resources
- **Educating** communities, policymakers, and stakeholders

The **CCY** also coordinates a statewide, toll free, 24-hour, confidential phone crisis line available to young people between the ages of 12-24, and concerned friends and family members. **CCY** provides crisis intervention counseling on many issues including family problems, sexual assault, eating disorders, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, suicide and more. **CCY** offers support, encouragement, and referrals to youth needing assistance or in crisis situations. The **California Youth Crisis Line** connects an average of 12,000 callers with vital resources annually. Agencies as well as young adults from every county in California use the Crisis **Line's** toll-free number, **1-800-843-5200**.

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The **California Youth Connection (CYC)** is a statewide organization comprised of foster youth, both past and present, who work diligently in formulating policies and advocating for legislation on behalf of California's foster youth population.

For more information on **CYC**, please visit their web site at <http://www.calyouthconn.org/site/cyc/> or simply call **CYC's** statewide office at 415-442-5060.

NEED HOMEWORK HELP?

The **California State Library** has made available through their website a new service called **Live Homework Help**. This service enables students to connect on-line with a tutor for assistance with homework questions. Supported by Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) federal funding, students can access Live Homework Help through [28 California public libraries](#). It is important to note that the tutors who respond to student questions are screened, trained, and closely monitored.

Live Homework Help is easy! Log on to <http://www.library.ca.gov/tutor/> from your computer any time between **1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.** and follow the simple setup instructions.

MEETING REQUESTS

If you or your organization would like to set up a time to meet with me or would like for me to attend an event you are sponsoring, please feel free to contact my **Executive Secretary Ellen Manolis** at (916) 319-2030 or by e-mail at Ellen.Manolis@asm.ca.gov.

INTERNS WANTED

I am accepting applications for the fall internship program in my **Hanford, Bakersfield** and **Sacramento** offices. Candidates should be residents of the 30th Assembly District, possess solid research and communication skills, and have a strong interest in public policy and political issues facing the Central Valley. Applications can be found by going to: <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30>.

For Hanford office internships contact **Matt Rogers** at (559) 585-7170 or by e-mail at Matt.Rogers@asm.ca.gov.

For Bakersfield office internships contact **Paula DeLaRiva** at (661) 334-3745 or by e-mail at Paula.DeLaRiva@asm.ca.gov.

For Sacramento office internships contact **Brandon Sanders** at (916) 319-2030 or by e-mail at

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1870: In Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Thomas P. Munday became the first African-American to vote in the United States

1880: Wabash, Indiana became the first town to be completely illuminated with electric light.

1889: In Paris, the Eiffel Tower officially opened.

1906: The Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States was founded to set rules in amateur sports. The organization became the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1910.

1932: The Ford Motor Company presented its V-8 engine.

2004: Google Inc. announced that it would be introducing a free e-mail service called Gmail.

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